



DEMAND OF UNITED MINEWORKERS MAKES STRIKE ALMOST A CERTAINTY

MINERS WANT OPERATORS TO RECOGNIZE UNION

Conference Between the Representatives of the Mineworkers Union and the Operators is Held Behind Closed Doors.

PROPOSALS OF THE MINERS ARE PRESENTED

DEMANDS OF MINE WORKERS ARE FOR AN EIGHT HOUR DAY FOR ALL EMPLOYEES, NO REDUCTION IN WAGES AND A RECOGNITION OF THE UNION OPERATORS WILL REFUSE MOST DEMANDS

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Another gigantic strike of coal miners throughout the anthracite district was rendered practically certain today by the demands presented to the operators by a committee representing the United Mineworkers' Association. While the proposition offered by the union representatives was not made public, it has been learned from sources reliable that the proposals to be submitted include demands for an eight-hour day for all employees paid by the hour, day or week, without any reduction of wages, and for recognition of the union. The miners also propose a uniform wage scale in the three anthracite districts for the different classes of employees; adequate compensation for "dead work" performed by contract miners; recognition of the board of conciliation; an increase in wages of from 10 to 20 per cent for all company men, and the adoption of a system by which coal shall be paid for by weight, wherever practicable.

The operators have declared that they will refuse to grant either of the first named propositions, and that the union will have to back down or strike. The miners and operators went into conference shortly before 2 o'clock. The meeting was held in the office of the Trunk Line Association.

The conference adjourned shortly before 3 o'clock. A statement will be given out later. The operators received the demands of the miners, and will reply after considering them.

COUNT BONI DOES NOT WANT MUCH MONEY

French Nabob Will Only Ask His Wife to Pay His Enormous Debts and Give Him Very Generous Allowance.

PARIS, Feb. 15.—Financial negotiations in the Castellane case do not relate to Count Boni's allowance after the separation from his wife (formerly Anna Gould), as he has simplified this branch by stating he does not expect a large amount and will not accept any sum beyond the small amount which constituted his income before marriage. The count thus disposed of the state-

ment to the effect that he contemptuously refused \$40,000 on the ground that it was not sufficient for his pocket money. The attitude of the Count leaves the lawyers of the Countess to consider only his outstanding indebtedness, which reaches to an enormous sum. The Countess' marriage contract ensures the protection of her private fortunes against these debts, but at the same time she is not disposed to enforce the strict letter of the contract. The extent of which the countess will liquidate the debts of her husband is a question now under negotiation. The court made a second ineffectual attempt at reconciliation. Next will be service of the writ upon the defendant.

INDIANS GIVE LONGWORTH BUFFALO SKIN VEST

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Ten Ponca Indians, who came from Oklahoma to present representative Longworth with a buffalo skin vest were much disappointed at not finding Longworth at the Capitol this afternoon. The Indians were specially painted and dressed in buckskin clothing. The Poncas later called on the President to pay

their respects to the "Great White Father." Incidentally Eagle Horse a chief presented to the President their gift for his future son-in-law. The chief explained they had made the present to the groom because the bride already had received so many presents and they felt the groom ought not to be neglected.

LINER DEVONIAN HAS NARROW ESCAPE

BOSTON, Feb. 15.—For fourteen hours today the big Yeu-land line steamer Devonian from Liverpool lay helpless on Scituate beach, ten miles south of the entrance of the harbor for which she was heading when she went aground at 1:30 this morning. Although heavily pounded during the day by the surf, which prevented the tugs from getting within hailing distance the revenue cutter Gresham managed to send a line aboard and with her big screw revolving the Gresham pulling, the Devonian floated. The steamer is apparently uninjured. The Devonian lost her way during a thick snowstorm while crossing Massachusetts Bay.

JEROME ATTACKED PLAYING "POLICY"

Charged With Conspiracy to Let Offenders Escape.

William Amory Presents Assembly Committee With Facts Showing Jerome Conspired With Metropolitan Street Railway.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—A special to the Tribune from Albany says:

Charges, including subornation of perjury, bribery of lawyers, misconversion of millions of dollars, and the enlistment of District Attorney Jerome in a conspiracy to whitewash the offenders were made against the Metropolitan Street Railway Company, and its officials at a hearing before the assembly committee on ways and means yesterday.

William N. Amory of New York, formerly treasurer of the Third Avenue Elevated Railway Company and who has been fighting the Metropolitan for several years, made a virulent attack on District Attorney Jerome. Amory submitted figures which he said proved that frauds amounting to millions of dollars had been perpetrated by the officers of the Metropolitan system on its stockholders.

"I declare that Jerome is fully advised of the guilt of the Metropolitan managers. I declare that he has in his possession legal evidence sufficient to convict them of grave crimes. I declare that he told James W. Osborne and me that he was satisfied as to their guilt and that the evidence was sufficient to convict. I declare that Jerome subsequently entered into a conspiracy to allow these criminals to escape. I declare that in furtherance of this end he suppressed facts and deliberately issued an official statement, which is proved by the records to have been wilfully false."

No action was taken on the resolution. Another hearing will be held next Wednesday at which William M. Ivins recent Republican candidate for Mayor, and many other New Yorkers will argue against the merger.

FIRE IN MINE.

OURAY, Col. Feb. 15.—A fire is raging in shaft No. 1, of the Revenue Tunnel near here. It began early today and the smoke so quickly filled a portion of the tunnel that a number of miners had a narrow escape. Nearly all the mules at work in that portion of the mines were suffocated. No statement of the damage can yet be given.

LONGWORTH ENTERTAINS BACHELOR FRIENDS.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Representative Longworth tonight entertained at a bachelor dinner in his home at which President Roosevelt and Secretary Taft were among the guests. Longworth went to the city hall late this afternoon and received a marriage license. He was accompanied by a number of personal friends and their visit attracted no little attention. Wedding presents are still arriving and details of a number of gifts became known today. One of the gifts that has attracted considerable attention is that of the Empress of China, which will not arrive until the day after the wedding.

Dunne Administration Allowing "Policy" Companies to Run.

Citizen's Association of Chicago Charges That Playing of "Policy" Has Been Resumed and Is Conducted Openly.

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—The most serious charge directed by responsible persons against the police since the Dunne administration began was made yesterday by the Citizens Association of Chicago.

In a letter to the mayor that reform organization announced the playing of "policy" had been resumed and is conducted openly in Chicago without interference, and that a company is operating extensively on the West side, asserting that "Matters have been arranged," at the city hall so that they can operate unmolested "until after the spring election."

The association also declares that when an attempt was made recently to raid several of the policy agencies the gamblers were warned by detectives from the Desplaines Street station, although Chief of Police Collins and five of his detectives were the only ones who knew of the intended raids.

Within ten minutes after the letter was made public, Chief Collins asserted that Secretary Ingleton of the reform organization would be called to the city hall today and give orders to make his charges good. Furthermore, the chief declared, during his term of office he never will send a policeman or detective to act under instructions from the citizens association.

The "topping off" Chief Collins declared, "was the work of some person connected with the reform organization who had been drawing salaries from two sources."

When told that Mr. Singleton claims to know eighteen policy companies operating in Chicago, the chief said that he would demand that the addresses of the resorts be given to the police. He refused to believe in the existence of the places.

SENATOR DICK SPEAKS.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—The Senate for an hour and a half listened to a speech by Dick in support of the statehood Bill as reported from the committee on territories. Dick had not concluded when the senate adjourned until Monday.

GENERAL APPRAISERS TO HAVE CLOSED SESSIONS

United States Government Appraisers Will Have no Open Hearings Request of Germany For Open Conference is Refused.

APPRAISERS WILL CONSIDER GERMAN TARIFF

AFTER DECIDING THAT APPRAISERS HEARINGS WILL BE SECRET SECRETARY ROOT CONFERS WITH GERMAN AMBASSADOR STERNBERG INFORMED THAT U. S. WILL INSTRUCT AGENTS TO ACT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—An important conference was held at the White House this afternoon at which it was decided that there should be no open hearings before the board of general appraisers. In view of the fact that the new maximum and minimum German tariff goes into effect on March 1st, and it is the wish of the German government that the hearings in the contested valuation be open, the conference has assumed international importance. After the conference secretary Root had a conference with Ambassador Sternberg at which the ambassador was informed that although it had been impracticable to upset the system of appraising, or to permit the introduction of testimony and cross examination at the hearings, the Washington Government was prepared to instruct its agents in Germany to co-operate in every way with the German boards of trade and leading German merchants in the effort to secure information regarding

the value of exports to America. Will Make Proposal.

BERLIN, Feb. 15.—The German government will go before the Reichstag within a few days with the proposal to give the United States the same treatment under the new tariff as that given the countries with whom Germany has arranged reciprocal trade treaties. Germany's proposal to give the United States this favored treatment is only for a fixed period, probably a year so as to afford time to conclude more permanent arrangements. The position of the German government is one of uncommon difficulty, because memorials and petitions have been pouring in to the chancellor and other ministers, urging the government to stand firm and not hand over to the United States for nothing, privileges for which other governments are given an equal return. The government therefore faces a Reichstag which is nearly as unfriendly to the tariff concessions as the United States Senate.

BANK OF AMERICA DECLARED INSOLVENT

President, Vice-President Cashier and Stockholders all Borrowed Money From Institution Until Nothing Is Left.

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—The Bank of America incorporated last December with a capital stock of \$250,000 was placed in the hands of a receiver late tonight by Judge Chitrous of the superior court on the complaint of John E. Kavanaugh, one of the stockholders. The bill asking for a receivership holds former Judge Abner Smith, President; G. F. Sorrow, Vice-President; Jerome Pierce, Cashier, and F. E. Creelman stockholder and director. President Smith is alleged to have borrowed \$70,000 and placed it in the treasury of the bank in order to deceive the state auditor into believing that the stock had been paid up. Smith is further charged with hav-

ing withdrawn this sum and \$82,500 in addition, giving as security that which it is charged is inadequate. It is also charged that Creelman has withdrawn nearly \$200,000 from the bank, giving in exchange drafts on other corporations many of which have been returned unpaid, until Creelman owes the bank \$80,000. Smith was a member of the Cook County Bench for many years having retired in 1904.

M'CALL IS BETTER.

LAKEWOOD, N. J., Feb. 15.—The condition of John A. McCall, former president of the New York Life remains unchanged. If anything he is somewhat better than two days ago.

OBSERVE ANNIVERSARY

HAVANA, Feb. 15.—The American colony today observed the eighth anniversary of the destruction of the Maine. Flags and wreaths were placed on the masts of the battleship.

NOTED CROOK IN JAIL ON PETTY LARCENY CHARGE

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 1.—J. J. McCarthy, alias John Baldwin, a one time member of the Matheny band of bank robbers has been arrested for victimizing several merchants by the "Short Change" game. This man, who ten years ago confined himself to jobs in which thousands were in sight, now faces a charge of petty larceny. McCarthy is recently out of San Quentin where he served a ten years term for his share in the Los Angeles tunneling bank robbery, a scheme which was nipped in the bud. He was arrested Saturday but was not recognized as formerly one of the most notorious bank robbers in America, until today.